

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough review of the present application as indicated by the Office Action. In particular, Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 69-72 and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 36-40, 42-43, 45-46, 48-51, 54, 56-57, 59-60 and 66. As will be discussed below, to expedite issuance of the present application, Applicants have submitted the present amendments to place this case in a form indicated as allowable.

The Section 101 Rejections:

Claims 61 and 68 stand rejected as non-statutory subject matter for failure to state "executed by a computer." Office Action, p. 2. While Applicants disagree, Claims 61 and 68 have been amended as requested to expedite issuance of the present application.

The Section 102 Rejections:

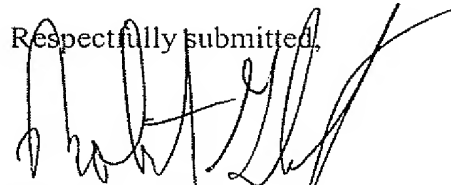
Claims 32-35, 41, 44, 47, 52, 55, 58, 61-65, 67 and 68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,363,065 to Thornton et al. ("Thornton"). Office Action, p. 2. Applicants submit these rejections are obviated by the amendments above. Independent Claim 32 has been amended above to include the recitations of Claims 36 or 37. New independent Claim 73 corresponds to previously pending Claim 32 amended to include the recitations of Claims 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45 or 46. Independent Claim 47 has been amended above to include the recitations of Claim 48. New independent Claim 74 corresponds to previously pending Claim 47 amended to include the recitations of Claims 49, 50, 51, 54, 56 or 57. Independent Claim 58 has been amended to include the recitations of previously pending Claims 59 or 60. Independent Claim 63 has been amended to include the recitations of previously pending Claim 66. Various amendments have been made to others of the claims to conform with these amendments to and addition of independent claims. Accordingly, the independent claims are now in form for allowance based on subject matter indicated as allowable in various of the dependent claims.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the present application. If further informalities are noted, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

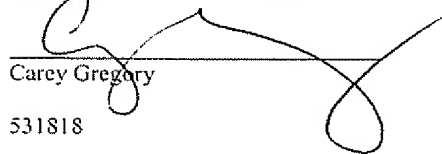


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